**24:05:25:04.01.  Braille assessment factors.** The following age-appropriate factors must be considered when conducting a reading and writing assessment of the student to determine whether or not Braille instruction must begin or continue:

 (1)  Reading readiness;

 (2)  Functional reading skills including reading level, print size, reading rate, comprehension, and stamina;

 (3)  Functional writing skills;

 (4)  Prognosis of eye condition for change in visual status;

 (5)  Functional communication skills and primary language of communication;

 (6)  Functional visual abilities; and

 (7)  Tactile discrimination.

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